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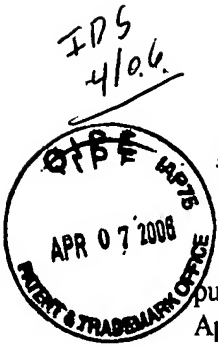
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APPLICANTS' STATEMENT REGARDING A NON-PUBLIC USE

This statement is presented by Applicants to disclose events related to a non-public use of implementations described in the Application for Letters Patent, US Application No. 10/699,401, hereinafter "the Application."

At least some of the features disclosed in the Application may have been included in a beta release of Office, which occurred in October 2002. Therefore, it is possible some of the system code incorporating the described implementations was disclosed to a controlled set of users more than one year from the filing date of the Application. This beta release of Office, which was conducted for testing purposes, included approximately five thousand users. It is significant to note that the beta was distributed to a fixed number of users, and each user acknowledged our non-disclosure agreement. The non-disclosure agreement included the following clause:

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Since the beta was distributed to a fixed number of users that acknowledged the above confidentiality clause, Applicants believe submission of the claims in the Application is proper.

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